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## **Reminder to All Providers Who Prescribe or See Recipients Who Utilize Durable Medical Equipment**

As a Nevada Medicaid provider, it is the prescribing provider's responsibility to ensure that the durable medical equipment being prescribed meets the needs of the recipient. When following up on recipient care or when prescribing or signing prior authorization forms, please ensure the information documented is accurate and meets the recipient's need as incorrect equipment to recipients can cause additional illness and reduce functional capacity.

Further responsibilities of a provider also consist of understanding Nevada Medicaid policies found in the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) at: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/MSMHome/>.

Per MSM Chapter 100, Section 103.1, medical necessity is required for all Nevada Medicaid services. Medical necessity is a health care service or product necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional standards to:

- A. Diagnose, treat or prevent illness or disease;
- B. Regain functional capacity; or
- C. Reduce or ameliorate effects of an illness, injury or disability.

Please ensure services are delivered in a setting that is clinically appropriate to the specific physical and mental/behavioral health care needs of the recipient.

Additional reminder: Providers have an obligation to report to Nevada Medicaid any suspicion of fraud or abuse of Medicaid services, including fraud or abuse associated with recipients or other providers.